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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment
2. Return Postcard

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 25436/1552. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Date: February 1, 2002

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is supplemental to our filing of November 1, 2001. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this filing; however, please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No.: 25436/1552.

AMENDMENT**In the Specification**

On page 1 of the specification, please insert the following paragraph after the title of the Application:

Related Applications

11 This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to U. S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/247,335 filed November 10, 2000, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) submit(s) that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request(s) early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant(s') attorney/agent would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney/agent of record.

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